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We claim:

1. A method of labeling a container of prescribed medicine, said method comprising the steps:

obtaining a photograph of a patient;

converting said photograph into a computer software object;

5 creating a label containing prescription information of said patient and said photograph by combining said computer software object with said prescription information; printing said label; and attaching said label to said container.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein said converting and creating steps are performed on a single computer.

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein said converting and creating steps are performed on two different computers.

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein during said creating step said computer software object is retrieved from a photograph database and said prescription information is retrieved from a prescription database.

5. The method according to claim 1 wherein said label further includes medicine information retrieved from an inventory database.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein said label is printed on a laser printer.

7. The method according to claim 1 wherein said photograph is obtained by taking said photograph using a camera.

8. The method according to claim 7 wherein said camera is a digital camera.

9. A system for labeling a container of prescribed medicine, said system comprising:
a camera for taking a photograph of a patient;
means for converting said photograph into a computer software object;
means for creating a label containing prescription information of said patient and said photograph by combining said computer software object with said prescription information;
and
a printer for printing said label.

10. The system according to claim 9 wherein said means for converting is a computer having processing software for converting said photograph into said computer software object.

11. The system according to claim 9 wherein said means for creating is a computer having a label algorithm for creating said label.

12. The system according to claim 9 wherein said means for converting and means for creating are a single computer.

13. The system according to claim 9 wherein said means for converting and means for creating are two different computers.

14. The system according to claim 9 wherein said computer software object is stored in a photograph database and wherein said means for creating retrieves said computer software object from said photograph database.

15. The system according to claim 9 wherein said prescription information is stored in a prescription database and wherein said means for creating retrieves said prescription information from said prescription database.

16. The system according to claim 9 wherein said means for creating combines said computer software object and said prescription information with medicine information to create said label.

17. The method according to claim 16 wherein said means for creating retrieves said medicine information from an inventory database.

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Cmtd. 18. The method according to claim 9 wherein said camera is a digital camera.

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